

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in complete condition for allowance.

Applicants' attorneys wish to thank Examiner Klemanski for the courtesies exchanged in the personal interview of October 20, 2005. As shown above, the presently pending claims have been amended as discussed in the interview.

As shown above, independent claims 1, 15, 24, and 31 have been amended to require a sulfonic acid analog of an amino acid. This limitation is not taught or suggested in Yoshida, et al., JP 2001-139854, or JP 08-302253.

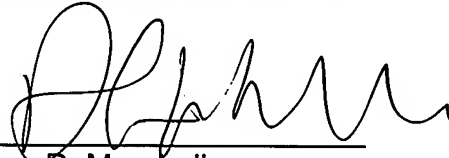
Also, independent claims 1, 15, 24, and 31 have been amended to clarify that the additive is present in an amount that prevents or inhibits the dye from coalescing in the solvent. Moffatt, et al. does not disclose or suggest these amounts. In fact, Moffatt, et al. disclose that "critical concentrations of surfactants are necessary to efficiently and completely prevent bleed." Col. 3, lines 19-25. Moffatt, et al.'s critical concentration is above the critical micelle concentration (cmc) so that micelles form to control the color bleed. This teaching is in direct contrast with the presently pending claims' requirement that the additive be present in an amount that prevents or inhibits the dye from coalescing in the solvent.

As we discussed, these amendments put the independent claims in complete condition for allowance, including independent claims 1, 15, 24, and 31.

Should Examiner Klemanski have any further questions or concerns, she is invited to contact the undersigned at her convenience. Please charge any additional fees required by this Response to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

Respectfully requested,

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